

Month of Nazareth 6th September - 1st October 2021

The aim of the Month is to explore Nazareth - the spirituality of Br. Charles, in a practical and lived way so as to make it more effectively a part of our own lives and ministry to and with the People of God.

Charles' own understanding of Nazareth changed and developed over the course of his life as a committed follower of Jesus Christ. Perhaps his own phrase 'to cry the Gospel with our lives' and that of Pope Francis; 'Fratelli Tutti' - to be a brother to all -, summarise the essence of what, in the end, Nazareth meant to him.

The Month does not have a fixed structure or program of events, although it needs some advance planning it should also have a life of its own arising out of the shared life of the brothers over these precious few weeks.

The main elements we should expect would be:

- Prayer: Mass, Office, Adoration.
- Work. Preparing meals, shopping, cleaning, manual work with the HOD community.
- Days in the Desert.
- Reviews of Life,
- Discussion on the life and teaching of Br Charles
- Leisure: some free time every day, days out together such as a walk in the countryside, visits to places of interest.
- Teaching from visiting speakers.
- Retreat. The final few days will be a retreat given by Fr. Sean O'Gorman.

Venue: The House of the Open Door, Childswickham, Worcs. WR12 7HH. The home of an Ecumenical and Charismatic Community, HOD is a place of warm welcome, situated in the beautiful Worcestershire countryside, on the edge of the Cotswolds. <http://www.houseoftheopendoor.org>

Booking. Priority will be given to those able to attend the whole Month. Subject to room availability, it should be possible for others to join for the retreat. Also it might be possible to attend a portion of the Month if there are rooms available.

Cost. We expect the cost of the whole Month to be approximately £1420

For the Retreat alone: £330

Finance must not be an obstacle to any Brother doing the Month. The Fraternity will help any brother who needs assistance. The above costings may change slightly due to unknown factors such as the numbers attending.

If you are ready to book for the whole Month now, please do so by sending a cheque for £200 made out to 'Jesus Caritas Fraternity' to:

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If you are interested in coming to just the retreat, or for part of the Month, please let Stephen know and he will keep you in touch about availability. frstevesquires@aol.com
Also consult our website: www.jesus Caritaspriests.org.uk